

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 20 March
2024

Meeting time: 09.18 – 12.29

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Mike Hedges MS Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government Tim Moss, Welsh Government Gawain Evans, Welsh Government Dominic Houlihan, Welsh Government
Audit Wales:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales Richard Harries
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)



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(Private pre-meeting)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Rhiannon Passmore MS.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The Papers were noted.

- 2.1 Letter from the Director General of the Climate Change and Rural Affairs Group in response to the Committee's report on Town Centre Regeneration

- 2.2 Letter from the Chief Executive and Chair of Digital Health and Care Wales: an update following the Committee's joint scrutiny of DHCW's report with the Health and Social Care Committee

- 2.3 Letter from the Welsh Government following the Committee's evidence session on Covering Teachers' Absence

- 2.4 Letter from the Welsh Government: response to PAPAC's letter dated 26 February 2024 regarding public appointments data collection and specifically data on Welsh language ability and addresses of applicants and appointees

- 3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from Items 4, 7 and 8 of today's meeting

- 3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Paper to Note (PRIVATE): Letter from the Permanent Secretary on the partial retirement of the Director of Propriety and Ethics

4.1 The paper was noted.

5 Evidence Session: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23 (Part 1)

5.1 The Members questioned the witnesses as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23.

(Break)

6 Evidence Session: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23 (Part 2)

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7 Consideration of evidence: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme for the summer 2024 term.